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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Lewis SHARPS et al.

Application No.: 09/676,194

Filed: September 28, 2000

For: **METHODS OR REPAIRING  
DAMAGED INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS**

Examiner: COHEN

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**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002, for which a response was due March 26, 2002. Applicant submits a request for 2 months extension thereby extending the time for response to May 26, 2002. May 26, 2002 is a Sunday, May 27, 2002 is a Federal Holiday, therefore the next business day is May 28, 2002. Thus, this response is timely filed.

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